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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
David M. HARDIN, Jr., et. al.)
Serial No. 10/719,764) Examiner: Kevin Thao Truong
Filing Date: 11/21/2003) Group Art Unit No.: 3734
For: LOOP TIP WIRE GUIDE) Confirmation No. 3285

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.114.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

Previously submitted:

Applicants requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.

Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on 07/13/2007

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

Other:

Attached is:

An Information Disclosure Statement

An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings

New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

Other: Petition and Fee for Extension of Time

Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i)).

Small Entity Status:

Applicant(s) hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.

Is no longer desired.

Applicants calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

A Request fee of \$810 under 37 CFR §1.17(e).

A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 CFR §1.17(i).

An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 CFR §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).

An extension fee of \$460 under 37 CFR §1.17(a) for a two-month extension of time. A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$1,270.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

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